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Commissioner for Patents
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Re: 09/940,969



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with no response.

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In October of 2004, I received a letter asking me for revised drawings on the above referenced patent application. I contacted the patent examiner, Jason Prone, that had been helping me through this patent process. Mr. Prone faxed me the enclosed drawing and letter that concerned changes to the patent on 12/8/04, and I immediately mailed it in. He stated that none of the other drawings had been changed.

Assuming that he knew what he was talking about, I sent in the attached drawing, and assumed that the process was finally over. I am not a professional in the patent business, just an individual trying to get a patent on a product, not a huge corporation with unlimited funds and knowledge of the process. I relied on individuals from the Patents and Trademarks Office to help me with all of the petitions and notices that I have received.

On Monday, February 28, 2005, I received in the mail a "Notice of Abandonment" for my patent. I would like to state that I never abandoned my patent. Not understanding the notice, I enlisted help from the above named examiner, and sent in exactly what was suggested. I assumed that my submission was complete and correct. Had I been informed – a phone call – anything – that I had not supplied what you were looking for, I would have immediately provided the necessary paperwork.

The fact that I did respond, should be a key fact that I have no intention of abandoning this patent. Had I not responded at all, then I would understand it – but I did respond in a timely manner.

I ask that you withdraw the holding of abandonment and provide me with a continuance so I may provide you with the necessary paperwork to complete this patent.

Sincerely,

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